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SUBJECT: REMARKS TO PRESS BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING AT UN HQS,
SEPTEMBER 5, 1975 (11:10 A.M.)

WALDHEIM: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
INFORMED ME IN THE CONVERSATION WE HAD JUST NOW OF THE SINAI
AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THE UN WILL HAVE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT
ROLE, AN ENLARGED ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT AGREEMENT,
AND IT WAS THEREFORE VERY HELPFUL FOR ME TO HEAR FROM THE
SECRETARY OF STATE THE DETAILS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. I CONSIDER
THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS VERY HELPFUL. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE UN
HAS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL
DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

KISSINGER: THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND I HAD AN EXTREMELY CORDIAL
AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TALK. I EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
THE ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE UN WILL BE INVOLVED.
THE ROLE OF THE UN WILL BE VERY CRUCIAL IN THIS THE FIRST AGREEMENT
THAT INVOLVES THE RESTORATION OF CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES IN AN AREA
THAT IS BEING VACATED, AND THAT HAS MANY ELEMENTS OF GREAT
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COMPLEXITY.

MY IMPRESSION OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS ASSISTANTS BELIEVE THESE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLUBLE, AND THAT THEY SHARE OUR CONVICTION THAT THE UN CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY DECISIVE ROLE IN MOVING THE MIDDLE EAST TOWARD PEACE. SO, I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED BY THIS MEETING.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU EXPECT THE SOVIETS TO EXPRESS THEIR CRITICISM OF THIS AGREEMENT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO DELAY OR TO COMPLICATE THE NECESSARY DELIBERATIONS IN THE COUNCIL?

KISSINGER: I EXPECT THAT WHEN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER COMES TO NEW YORK THAT HE AND I WILL HAVE AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT. I BELIEVE THAT AT THE END OF THAT CONVERSATION WE WILL REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UN ACTIVITIES AND THE REALLY RATHER SMALL US ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT PART OF THE UN MANDATE, BUT WHICH WILL NEVERTHELESS BE RELATED TO THE UN ACTIVITIES. SO I DO NOT EXPECT THAT WE WILL SAY IT IS AN INSOLUBLE PROBLEM.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU EXPECT ANY REAL PROBLEM WITH CONGRESS ON APPROVING OF THIS PLAN FOR CIVILIANS?

KISSINGER: I HAD THE IMPRESSION IN MY CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS YESTERDAY THAT, WHEN THE CONGRESS UNDERSTANDS, AS IT IS BEGINNING TO, THAT THIS IS NOT COMPARABLE TO VIETNAM BUT IT IS RATHER COMPARABLE TO PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES THAT MANY OTHER NATIONS HAVE CARRIED OUT, LIKE SWEDEN, FINLAND, OR ALL THE NATIONS THAT ARE PART OF UNEF - THAT THE US WARNING SYSTEM WILL ACTUALLY BE WITHIN THE UNEF ZONE. WHEN ALL OF THIS IS UNDERSTOOD, IT WILL BE CLEAR TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THAT THIS IS A PEACEKEEPING FUNCTION CARRIED OUT AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH PARTIES, AND NOT AN ATTEMPT BY THE US TO SUPPORT ONE PARTY IN A MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST THE OTHER.

QUESTION: THIS MORNING, MR. SECRETARY, WHEN YOU REPLIED BRIEFLY TO A QUESTION, YOU SAID YOU WOULD BE TALKING TO OTHERS BESIDES THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN GETTING THIS STRAIGHTENED OUT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

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KISSINGER: I HAVE TWO REASONS FOR BEING HERE: ONE, THE CONVERSATION JUST CONCLUDED WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL ABOUT THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT; THE SECOND IS TO SHOW US SUPPORT FOR THIS SESSION OF THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY. THEREFORE, I WILL BE MEETING WITH SEVERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, MOSTLY OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DURING THE DAY TO DISCUSS WITH THEM THEIR VIEW OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. I INTEND TO SIT IN FOR ONE OF THE SPEECHES DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION. SO THE REST OF MY

CONVERSATIONS HERE WILL CONCERN THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
AND NOT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISSATIS-
FACTION EXPRESSED BY THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS AS TO THE
SPEECH WHICH YOU PREPARED AND THAT MR. MOYNIHAN DELIVERED - MAINLY
BECAUSE YOUR SPEECH DID NOT DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF MASSIVE
DEBTS OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED NATIONS. NOW, WHAT ARE YOUR
THOUGHTS ON THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR OUTRIGHT CANCELLATION OF
DEBT BURDENS OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS?

KISSINGER: THE REPORTS THAT I GET ABOUT THE REACTION OF THE LESS
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES -- MAYBE FROM AN INTIMIDATED STAFF -- ARE NOT
AS NEGATIVE AS YOU DESCRIBE. WHAT WE ATTEMPTED TO DO IN THIS
SPEECH IS TO PUT BEFORE THE LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS OUR CONCEPTION
OF HOW THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN A
CONCILIATORY, COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. WE PUT
FORWARD A SERIES OF PROPOSALS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THEM
EXHAUSTIVE. WE ARE PREPARED, EITHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UN OR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE
WHICH IS GOING TO START IN THE FALL, OR IN ANY OTHER FORUM, TO
TALK IN WHAT WE HOPE IS A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS
OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE PARTICULAR SWEDISH PROPOSAL I
HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY, BUT WE DID NOT PRESENT OUR
PROGRAM ON A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT BASIS. QUITE FRANKLY, WE DID
NOT THINK THAT THE REACTION WAS AS UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE AS YOU
DESCRIBE -- IN FACT, QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU CONSIDER A MORATORIUM ON DEBT FOR THE
THIRD-WORLD NATIONS?

KISSINGER: DEBT RESCHEDULING HAS BEEN A PART OF OUR POLICY.
ON THE WHOLE, WE PREFER IT NOT TO TAKE PLACE ON A GENERAL
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BASIS, BUT TO BE RELATED TO SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.
SO WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT FAVOR A COMPLETE CANCELLATION OF ALL
EXISTING DEBTS, BUT THE PROBLEM OF THE ACCUMULATED DEBTS IS
A SUBJECT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
KISSINGER

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